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1. As of 1 April 1948, the Askania-Werke was set up as follows:

Main plant: Berlin-Friedenau, with leased buildings and storerooms in Berlin-Mariendorf.

Dr. Schapski  
Kukulka

Dr. Werner  
Ing. Knoch

Dir. Guido Wunsch

Kiele  
Hebenbrock  
Ober Ing. Bach  
Ing. Eckert  
Ing. Pape  
von Matthes  
Asheuer  
Kurtz

Trustee  
Former purchasing chief, now actual  
director  
Scientific apparatus  
Deputy, steering-heating techniques;  
also deputy, heating technician  
in the sales section  
Advisor, with above two men, of the  
specialists group  
Commercial administration  
Deputy; purchasing chief  
Plant direction  
Plant direction  
Plant direction  
Labor and development  
Deputy; foreign sales  
Deputy; sales of scientific apparatus

Comment: The influence of the former Conti-Dessau concern has been practically eliminated.

2. Askania-Berlin has the following subsidiaries:

Askania Precision Mechanics and Optics, Teltow

a. This plant, under Director Dr. Müller, employs 400 men on the production of heat-technical (wärmetechnische) devices for Soviet reparations.

b. Against the wishes of the Friedenau plant, the former List factory now known as Elektrofeinbau, was added to Teltow. The latter itself was declared a state owned industry at the end of February 1948.

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though so far no written or legal confirmation has been received. Relations between Friedenau and Teltow are unfriendly, due to the latter's attempts at invasion of the former's Polish and Balkan market areas.

Askania Precision Mechanics and Optics, GmbH, Munich

This plant, currently in trusteeship, was founded to control the entire program of the Friedenau plant in the event of an evacuation of Berlin. Withdrawal of the former business directors, Graf Westarp and Wunsch, has considerably loosened Berlin's control over the Munich plant. It is employing 320 men, but so far has been unable to overcome initial difficulties sufficiently to start production. The planned central trusteeship over all subsidiaries would bring relief to this situation. Director Peters is in charge of business affairs and the technical managers are Decker and Pöschel.

Kiel Nautical Workshops, in Lütjenburg

Director Lewerenz is the trustee and technical manager. Thirty men are employed on the manufacture and repair of compasses. Here, too, the connection with the parent firm in Berlin is quite loose.

**Comment:** It should be noted that in addition to these subsidiaries, which function autonomously so far as business direction is concerned, Askania-Berlin still maintains its own technical bureau for sales and installation of appliances produced in Berlin.

3. As of 1 October 1947, Askania-Munich took control of the following engineer bureaus in the west:

<u>Bureau</u>	<u>Chief</u>	<u>Number of Employees</u>
Düsseldorf	Director Becker	12
Hannover	Ober Ing Stiller	2
Neustadt	(not reported)	4
Saarbrücken	Mahlberg	3

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4. The engineer bureau at Ueberlingen, Bodensee, is directed by Wilde with forty men assigned by the French Navy. This bureau is controlled by Askania-Berlin.
5. The creation of an autonomous GmbH is being considered, inasmuch as Berlin is unable to control the activities of all these bureaus.
6. Connections with foreign subsidiaries and outlets have not been renewed since the end of the war and not even preliminary correspondence has been undertaken.

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